

Appl. No. 10/633,205
Office Action mailed December 8, 2005

REMARKS

Applicants hereby add claims 88-91 and cancel claims 42, 44-45, 47, 57, and 75-87. Accordingly, claims 14-20, 35-41, 43, 46, 48-56, 58-74, and 88-91 are pending in the present application.

Claims 79-87 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. Claims 14-20, 35-43, 43, 45-46, 54, and 75-87 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness over U.S. Patent No. 5,355,519 to Hasegawa in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,075,632 to Baldwin and U.S. Patent No. 6,046,683 to Pidwersky.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and urge allowance of the present application.

Applicants hereby amend claim 14 to include the limitations of previously pending claims 42 and 44. Claim 14 is believed to be allowable in view of the indication in the Office Action that claim 44 recites allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully request allowance of claim 14 in the next Action.

The claims which depend from independent claim 14 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed above with respect to the independent claim as well as for their own respective features which are neither shown nor suggested by the cited art.

Applicants hereby amend claim 35 to include the limitations of previously pending claims 45 and 47. Claim 35 is believed to be allowable in view of the indication in the Office Action that claim 47 recites allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully request allowance of claim 35 in the next Action.

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The claims which depend from independent claim 35 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed above with respect to the independent claim as well as for their own respective features which are neither shown nor suggested by the cited art.

Applicants hereby amend claim 54 to include the limitations of previously pending claim 57. Claim 54 is believed to be allowable in view of the indication in the Office Action that claim 57 recites allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully request allowance of claim 54 in the next Action.

The claims which depend from independent claim 54 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed above with respect to the independent claim as well as for their own respective features which are neither shown nor suggested by the cited art.

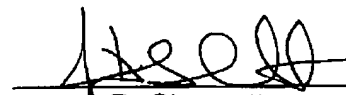
All claims recite limitations indicated by the Office to be allowable. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application in the next Action.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

Respectfully submitted,

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